

In the Claims:

Cancel claims 1 and 11-15.

*Rule 1.116*  
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Claim 2 (twice-amended). The dish rack according to claim 2,  
wherein at least some of said legs are pivotable into a  
horizontal position, a vertical position, and oblique  
positions different from said horizontal position and said  
vertical position.

Claim 3 (twice-amended). The dish rack according to claim 2,  
wherein at least some of said legs form a set-down surface for  
hollow dishes when at least some of said legs are pivoted into  
at least one of said oblique positions.

Claim 4 (twice-amended). The dish rack according to claim 2,  
wherein at least some of said legs form a set-down surface  
when at least some of said legs are pivoted into an oblique  
position half-way between said horizontal position and said  
vertical position.

Claim 5 (twice-amended). The dish rack according to claim 2,  
wherein at least some of said legs form stops for retaining  
hollow dishes in said horizontal position.

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Claim 6 (twice-amended). The dish rack according to claim 2,  
wherein at least some of said legs form stops for retaining  
hollow dishes in at least one of said oblique positions.

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Claim 7 (amended). The dish rack according to claim 21,  
wherein only staggered ones of said prongs have at least two  
of said legs forming a stop for retaining hollow dishes.

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Claim 8 (amended). The dish rack according to claim 21,  
wherein every second prong of said prongs has at least two of  
said legs forming a stop for retaining hollow dishes.

Claim 9 (amended). The dish rack according to claim 21,  
wherein said prongs having at least two legs are L-shaped.

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Claim 16 (amended). The dish rack according to claim 21,  
wherein said prongs having at least two legs are L-shaped.

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Claim 17 (twice-amended). The dish rack according to claim  
16, wherein said retainer is pivotable into a horizontal  
position, a vertical position, and oblique positions different  
from said horizontal position and said vertical position.

Claim 18 (twice-amended). The dish rack according to claim  
17, wherein a least one of said legs forms a set-down surface

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for hollow dishes when said retainer is pivoted into at least one of said oblique positions.

Add the Following New Claims:

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*C1*  
*C2*  
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Claim 21 (new). A dish rack for accommodating dishes, comprising:

a plurality of base wires forming a dish rack base; and

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a plurality of prongs each having at least two legs and an intersection connecting said legs to one another, each of said prongs being connected to a respective one of said base wires in a vicinity of said intersection, and at least some of said prongs being pivotable between different pivot positions about a respective one of said base wires.

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Claim 22 (new). In a household dishwasher, a dish rack for accommodating dishes, the dish rack comprising:

a plurality of base wires forming a dish rack base; and

a plurality of prongs each having at least two legs and an intersection connecting said legs to one another, each of said prongs being connected to a respective one of said base wires in a vicinity of said intersection, and at least some of said

prongs being pivotable between different pivot positions about a respective one of said base wires.

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Claim ~~23~~ (new). A dish rack for accommodating dishes, comprising:

at least one base wire and a plurality of prongs forming a retainer;

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said plurality of prongs each having at least two legs and an intersection connecting said legs to one another, each of said prongs being connected to said base wire in a vicinity of said intersection for securing dishware, and at least some of said prongs being pivotable between different pivot positions about said base wire.

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Claim ~~24~~ (new). The dish rack according to claim ~~21~~, wherein some of said prongs are pivotable into three functional dish rack positions, including:

a first functional dish rack position in which a first one of said legs is substantially perpendicular to said dish rack base and a second one of said legs is substantially parallel to said dish rack base;

a second functional dish rack position in which said first and second legs enclose acute angles with said dish rack base; and

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a third functional dish rack position in which said first leg is substantially parallel to said dish rack base and said second leg is substantially perpendicular to said dish rack base.